

Minutes of a Town of Riverhead board meeting held by the town board of the Town of Riverhead at Town Hall, Howell Avenue, Riverhead, New York on Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

Sean Walter,	Supervisor
John Dunleavy	Councilman
James Wooten,	Councilman
George Gabrielsen,	Councilman
Jodi Giglio,	Councilwoman

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Diane M. Wilhelm,	Town Clerk
Dawn Thomas,	Town Attorney

Supervisor Walter: "Are we live here? I don't know where the town attorney is but it's 2:00 so we are going to get started.

Matt, can you lead us off in the Pledge if you don't mind?"

(At this time, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by Matt Hattorff.)

Supervisor Walter: "Rabbi Siemers, if you'd step up for the invocation? I don't know if you want us standing, sitting, kneeling. You almost have to speak into that microphone, it's not a great one."

Rabbi Siemers: "Today is the sixth day of the festival of Chanukah. As we enter the darkest time of the year, we continue in difficult times in our nation, in our communities. We embrace the great themes of Chanukah which are the possibilities of rededication and the promise of life.

As Jews, as Christians, people of all faiths and as Americans look to our sacred and national histories for inspiration as we set about the hard work of sustaining society which is growing and good, providing opportunities and protecting the vulnerable.

May our creator strengthen and sustain us both as citizens and as civil leaders as he has in times past.

May the light from heaven which we celebrate in this festival illuminate the dark places bringing comfort. May it provide to us the gift of discernment and may the efforts of those who gather today in the cause of public good be guided by light and give light.

May their efforts comfort those in darkness and may the coming season be one for light and for peace we say Amen."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you, Rabbi.

Before we get started, I know Councilwoman Giglio has something but I have to say in the redevelopment of Main Street, there's many different characters on Main Street and we're in the process of announcing some very, very big changes to Riverhead's Main Street.

And so as the supervisor on Main Street- I'm the supervisor for not only the citizenry sitting here but- on the Main Street, I'm the supervisor for the southside sweet peas, the rap snackers, the northside ball- nasty thug ballers and I say this sort of in jest.

I want to give you- I'm giving- this T-shirt I'm wearing- zoom in on this T-shirt here. This is Allied Optical, Jerry Steinert (phonetic) at Allied Optical is one of the people on Main Street that is- they've been there forever and ever. For all your eyeglass needs, go to Allied Optical.

But the point is this. We're going to be announcing some very pretty neat press conferences and events that are going to be happening on Main Street and Jerry is one of these people- he's sort of a fixture on Main Street and if you know him- to know him is to love him, and so he gave me this T-shirt. I said I would wear it here and all those things like southside sweet peas, I guess there's different groups on Main Street that are sort of in a fun way warring factions.

I don't know who the southside sweet peas are of the thug ballers, but my hat is off to Allied Optical and thanks for the T-shirt, Jerry.

All right. Every once in a while, you have to have fun guys.

So, Jodi, you have something you want to do."

Councilwoman Giglio: "I do. I have a couple of certificates of appreciation, if the board would join me. Thank you.

Well, after reading Riverhead (inaudible) yesterday and finding out what several people in the community have done to help a family. You may not know Heidi Behr (phonetic) or you may not have known Heidi Behr, but Heidi Behr was a volunteer with the Riverhead ambulance district and she lost her life on the way to save another.

And it is-- she left behind a mother and father and a very special son, Jared. For years she's been trying to render their 800 square foot house to accommodate his (inaudible) and his walkers. And has been passed up several times by home make overs and this gentleman, Mr. Richard Podlas, who has worked in our building department for many years, took it upon himself to make the dream come true and renovated this house, got together the volunteers, got the materials donated, and with the help of Chuck Thomas, the architect, just local people getting together to bring back a sense of community to the town of Riverhead.

So I encourage anybody out there that has a skill, that has a desire to bring this heartwarming time of year and feel good about doing something to help somebody, which is what this holiday season is all about, to join Mr. Podlas and Mr. Thomas and the crew from buildings and grounds and everybody that has volunteered to help this family so this boy can have a quality of life in being able to maneuver around a house.

And I just think that it cannot go without saying-- and this certificate of appreciation is just a small token of appreciation for the work that these gentlemen have done and ladies and gentlemen to make this project happen.

So, Rich and Chuck, would you please come up?"

Councilman Dunleavy: "These two people were the catalyst to get this going but we also have to thank their families. They've been out of the house every weekend for months getting plans going, getting contractors, and their poor family has been taking over for them at their houses, raking leaves. One family was a taxicab-- yeah, so they had to take over while these gentlemen let go their house so we have to thank their families also.

And we have to thank all the volunteers, the fire department, the ambulance crew. Town hall on their off hours, buildings and grounds went out there. So we have to give all those other people and everybody else that helped this project go along, thank you on behalf of the town of Riverhead."

Councilman Wooten: "All I can say is that Ty Pennington can hold no candle to you two, I can tell you right now."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And so Riverhead knows, Riverhead News Review knows, my nomination for person of the year is Richard Podlas."

And this town of Riverhead certificate of appreciation is signed by the supervisor and the entire town board and it reads to Richard Podlas in recognizing an individual who has shown endless generosity and compassion in assisting Riverhead residents, John, June and Jared Behr in their extreme make over north fork style.

They quietly took on the task and made it happen, bringing a sense of community back to Riverhead.

And yours reads the same."

Richard Podlas: "Thank you very much."

Chuck Thomas: "Thank you very much."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Thank you."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Mr. Podlas says he hasn't been home nights since June."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay. All right. Can we get an approval of the minutes?"

Councilman Dunleavy: "Before the minutes, I just want to make an announcement."

How everybody works together in this town. We had a serious accident on Middle Road and Northville Turnpike last week and the car went on fire. We had two citizens that were behind the car jump out, they broke the window, and I'm going to get their names, broke

the window and pulled the lady out of the car.

The man, the driver was trapped, so the Riverhead fire department, the police department and the ambulance worked on these people together to get them out of the car and to get them safely to Peconic Bay Medical Center.

So this is just to show you how the town and civilians can work together in this great town of Riverhead.

And I want to thank those departments, and as soon as I get those two civilian names, I want to thank them also. So thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "All right. Thank you, John. Can we offer the minutes of the— "

Councilman Dunleavy: "I move the minutes for the November 16<sup>th</sup> and the special town board meeting of November 19<sup>th</sup>. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The minutes are approved."

Supervisor Walter: "Reports."

#### **REPORTS:**

Building department	monthly report for November, 2010 - \$142,979.64
Town clerk	monthly report November, 2010 \$13,010.83
Tax receiver	monthly utility collection report November, 2010 - \$398,429.87
Sewer district	discharge monitoring report for October, 2010

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Edward P. Bracken	letter of resignation from the Ethics Board submitted November 18, 2010
Barbara Fontana	letter expressing concern re three pending projects in Wading River (shopping center on Route 25A, catering hall at Great Rock and shopping mall at Sound Ave. and Parker Road) submitted November 29, 2010

**APPLICATIONS:**

Fire District	Manorville fire district - notice of annual election of Fire Commissioner - 12-14-10
	Riverhead fire district - notice of annual election of Fire commissioner - 12-14-10

Diane Wilhelm: "And that is it."

Supervisor Walter: "All right. Thank you. Are there any reports, Town Board reports?"

Councilman Wooten: "I have one. This Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> is the annual Riverhead bonfire. It's a great event. I think it's the eighth or ninth. But we have music, a big bonfire down along the riverfront. Santa Claus comes up the river on a boat and gives out candy canes and coloring books. There's hot chocolate. It's a great, great family time.

It starts around 4:00 in the back parking lot and goes 'til probably around 8:00 or 8:30. But it's a great time to come and spend. It's free of charge. So come on down with the family and have a good time."

Supervisor Walter: "What time is Santa Claus coming?"

Councilman Wooten: "Santa Claus comes, he should be there

probably around five."

Supervisor Walter: "I love Santa Claus."

Councilman Wooten: "So come on down and have a ho-ho time. It's a really good time. He only goes to good little boys' houses, Sean, sorry."

Supervisor Walter: "I still believe in Santa Claus. Any other reports?"

Councilman Dunleavy: "I just want to encourage everybody to get out on December 14<sup>th</sup> to vote for the fire department elections. They're very important. They're a taxing district so you pay taxes to each one of these fire districts that are in the town of Riverhead. And you have to have a voice in who runs those departments.

So just get out on December 14<sup>th</sup> and vote. Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you. Anybody else? No. George? Okay."

Public hearing opened: 2:16 p.m.

Supervisor Walter: "Public hearings. There are two public hearings scheduled, the first one at 2:05 and 2:05 having arrived and left.

The first one is for the consideration of renaming the southerly portion of Horton Avenue, a Riverhead town road, to Horton Avenue South.

I think that's pretty self-explanatory. Does anybody wish to be heard on this matter?"

Councilman Dunleavy: "I would just like to put a (inaudible) of letter in the record for this.

This was- I'm on the traffic safety committee. This was written to the traffic safety committee and it's from Jeanne Lucas of 1065 Middle Road, Riverhead, New York.

And she states that there's only three pieces of property on

Horton Avenue right now that dead ends at the traffic circle. There's her lot, lot #36 and lot #44 on the Caffrey farm. That's the only three houses that are every going to be built there.

And what she is requesting is that she has requested and suggested that we may consider for a name of that street as Caffrey Court in memory of her late father, George Caffrey.

Dad owned and farmed this property for many years and she just wanted to thank us.

And that letter was received by the traffic safety committee and I'm going to put it in the record."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay. I'm not quite sure how to handle that because we're in a public hearing for Horton Avenue. Can we-- we can't do anything about that right now. We'd have to have another public hearing.

Okay. Does anybody else wish to be heard on this subject? Nobody. What I'll do is close the public comment portion and leave it open for written comment until December 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. at the town clerk's office. We'll leave it open for written comments and maybe we won't adopt this and we'll look at the other one."

Public hearing closed: 2:18 p.m.  
Left open for written comment to  
December 17, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.

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Public hearing opened: 2:18 p.m.

Supervisor Walter: "The second is scheduled to take place at 2:10 and 2:10 having arrived and this is the consideration of the purchase of a portion of the premises consisting of approximately 311.01 acres located upon the north side of Sound Avenue, Riverhead, New York for open space with active recreational use.

This is a joint open space purchase-- I guess we commonly know this as the North Fork Preserve, with Suffolk County.

I will let you-- the town attorney will give us some more information."



Dawn Thomas: "This is a public hearing whereby the town would be- am I on- purchasing a 10% undivided interest in the- I believe it's 311 acres of property.

In addition, the town would enter into an agreement with the County of Suffolk, probably to do some stewardship but also to snowplow the entrance and, hopefully, the property would be available for camping, fishing, hiking and trail walking or running depending on what you do."

Supervisor Walter: "Does anybody wish to be heard on this subject? Mr. Danowski."

Peter Danowski: "To be brief which I don't often do, I would just indicate that I represent at this meeting the Kaplan and Krudop interest and we fully support the town's proposed participation with Suffolk County in the preservation effort on this very important piece of property.

And I would just indicate the Kaplan and Krudop family interests are here today to listen to comments both from this board and from members of the public.

I do know that the neighbors and the people around that area have for a long time sought preservation on these parcels. Here's a chance to do that and have this happen in a very short period of time.

So we would support the application."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you. Yes, sir, you want to be heard? Come on, step up. Just state your name and hamlet for the record, sir."

Charles Cetas: "My name is Charles Cetas. I'm a resident of Riverhead hamlet and I'm also chair of the Riverhead open space committee.

The Riverhead open space committee is 100% in support of the town of Riverhead participating with Suffolk County in the acquisition of the North Fork Preserve as open space.

Since the beginning of the Riverhead Community Preservation Program in 1998, the North Fork Preserve has been a top priority.

At over 300 acres in size, it is one of the few large properties on Long Island still available for open space preservation.

The North Fork Preserve location on the Harbor Hills glacial moraine makes it an important component in the Central Suffolk special groundwater protection area. It is also located entirely within the watershed of the Long Island Sound.

The North Fork Preserve property contains a diversity of habitats from freshwater wetlands, to woodlands, to meadow, to old field and farmland. It includes the major portion of an important ecosystem known as the Northville Long Swamp which serves as a natural drainage system filtering storm water runoff before it reaches the Sound.

The Long Swamp wetlands and associated vegetation are ecologically sensitive and critical habitats for a wide variety of wildlife such as white tail deer and other mammals, amphibians, and migrating birds including ruby-throated humming bird and neotropical songbirds.

A number of NYS threatened and special concern species such as Northern Harrier (NYS threatened) Eastern Box Turtle (NYS Special Concern), and blue spotted salamander (NYS special concern) are documented as occurring at this site.

Plants such as feather foil, orchids, rare aquatic liverworts, swamp cottonwood, and a rare NYS Natural Heritage Program listed plant community known as tupelo/red maple forest are also present on the North Fork Preserve.

Acquisition of this property will also preserve important scenic vistas along the historic Sound Avenue corridor and provide recreational opportunities for all Suffolk County residents.

The North Fork Preserve property contains over 20 miles of nature hiking trails which could be opened for public enjoyment and nature education.

Lands adjacent on the east and west sides of the North Fork Preserve are already included in the town of Riverhead and Suffolk County farmland and open space preservation programs.

And it is not far from the newly established NYS Hallockville

Park/Preserve. Acquisition of the North Fork Preserve will greatly further the town and Suffolk County efforts to preserve the rural character of Northville Hamlet of Riverhead town.

The time has never been better to preserve what is left of our open spaces here on the north fork."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you, Mr. Cetas. Yes. Ladies first."

Ruth Levine: "My name is Ruth Levine. I live at-- "

Diane Wilhelm: "Can you spell your last name?"

Ruth Levine: "L-E-V-I-N-E."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Can you bring the microphone closer?"

Ruth Levine: "I live at 5258 Sound Avenue and we are directly adjacent to the North Fork Preserve. And I just want to say I am totally in favor of this move. I think it is a crucial opportunity for the town to preserve open space.

I know that there are other properties that we want to preserve and this is our job as citizens and stewards of the area to help maintain one of the most beautiful rural areas we have in Suffolk County.

I'm very proud of our area and I hope we can keep it that way. Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you. Mr. Parsons."

Randy Parsons: "I'm Randy Parsons from the Nature Conservancy on Long Island and we recently did our priority sites for New York State and of the 15 or so sites on Long Island, Nassau and Suffolk Counties, North Fork was one of them.

I think it's a textbook case of how the CPF fund was envisioned to be used where the town is able to leverage with 10% of the total cost the county funds for this purchase.

As I understand the revenue this year, I think Riverhead has taken in about a million five so far this year with CPF so it's

roughly a third with a third of the money brought in in this one year alone, we can protect the North Fork Preserve.

I think it's a great opportunity that we have willing sellers, that Legislator Romaine really championed this at the county level to get the resolution adopted, and we are-- as the open space committee chair said, we're probably 110% behind your participation in this acquisition.

Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you."

Neil Fenton: "Hi. Neil Fenton. I live at 5298 Sound Avenue."

Supervisor Walter: "Neil, how come you haven't been to Rotary in a while?"

Neil Fenton: "I have permanent excuses for that, Sean."

Supervisor Walter: "We'll discuss that after the meeting."

Neil Fenton: "Yeah. Anyway, it's nice to be here and I live just adjacent also to the Preserve. I moved out here with my wife in 1977 and what really attracted us to this area were the open spaces, the sunrises, the sunsets you really can't see anywhere else on the island.

And I've run that property and walked that property over the years and it's just spectacular. It's-- I was very much involved with Hallockville years ago and it is like an extension of Hallockville.

The particular home that we own which was the (inaudible) home originally going back to 1803. That property was all owned originally by the Downs family and IT&T took it over, International Telephone and Telegraph and then it was sold, I believe the Krudop family purchased that afterwards.

So it's-- this whole area has changed so dramatically since then, you know. It's nice to see that there's actually some open space available here and it's a terrific plan.

It looks to me like it's a win-win situation. I don't see any downside to it at all. I think that the town-- the fact that the town is getting behind this for preservation terrific.

So that's all I've got to say."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you. Mr. Bartuenk-- would you like to be Councilman Bartunek? You always have the title they tell me."

George Bartuenk: "George Bartunek, former councilperson and vice president of the North Fork environmental council and, of course, the North Fork Preserve has been a piece of property that's been discussed for at least a decade and its preservation and the future of it.

And naturally, the North Fork Environmental Council supports the purchase of this property. It will be a great step and one of the primary concerns of everybody probably in Riverhead, not just the North Fork Environmental Council, the preservation of the historic and rural character of Sound Avenue.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this very important matter."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you, George. Is there anybody else who wishes to be heard on this matter? Yes."

Steve Romano: "Good afternoon. Steve Romano, Riverhead. Just out of curiosity. From what I'm gathering, there's actually no cost to the town to do this. The funds have already been set aside?"

Supervisor Walter: "Ten percent is our contribution is my understanding. Yes, 10% and the County of Suffolk is picking up the balance."

Steve Romano: "I am still confused. When you say 10%, what is the cost?"

Supervisor Walter: "Five hundred thousand."

Steve Romano: "Five hundred thousand. Do we have that in the bank somewhere or will that be-- "

Supervisor Walter: "Community preservation funds."

Steve Romano: "So it is definitely a win-win-win. Okay. Thank you."

Diane Wilhelm: "I didn't catch your last name, sir."

Steve Romano: "Romano. Steve Romano. R-O-M-A-N-O."

Diane Wilhelm: "Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Does anybody else wish to be heard on the subject? Not seeing anyone, we will close the public comment portion of the meeting and leave it open for written comment until December 12<sup>th</sup>, excuse me, 17<sup>th</sup> rather at 4:30 at the town clerk's office."

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Supervisor Walter: "And I think that's the last public hearing so the next public hearing will be December 21<sup>st</sup> and we'll have a year end wrap up December 28<sup>th</sup> at town hall."

Now we open the meeting for comment on the town board resolutions. Would anybody like to be heard on town board resolutions? Wow, Sal's not here. Who is going to correct our grammar? Sal, you have to come to these things. Okay, there being nobody that wishes to be heard, let's- Diane, start the resolutions."

Councilman Dunleavy: "I make a motion we close the town board meeting and open the- "

Supervisor Walter: "Oh, I'm sorry. Oh, that's a good- come on up."

Amy Davidson: "Is this the right time for me to speak?"

Supervisor Walter: "This is the right time."

Amy Davidson: "Thank you. My name is Amy Davidson. I'm a resident of downtown Riverhead and I'm here to show my support for

the board to pass resolution 904 in support of holding a public hearing on the community garden."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you."

Laurie Nigro: "My name is Laurie Nigro and I'm also of Riverhead and I'm also here to support resolution 904."

Supervisor Walter: "Oh, this is going to happen."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And we want to thank you because you made it happen. So you're the ones (inaudible)."

Supervisor Walter: "So we'll- it's going to be good because not only do we hope to accomplish the community gardens, the deputy supervisor Lewis has been working on this for 10 months and it's just amazing how long- not just this only thing but we get jammed up a lot with other things in the interim.

But there are so many really exciting things. I think we're going to be announcing the opening of something next week and hopefully the beginning of January announcing a major thing downtown. I mean it's really- downtown, make no mistake about it. It's going to happen.

Does anybody else want to talk about town board resolutions? No, then let's offer them."

Councilman Dunleavy: "I make a motion- "

(Unidentified): Is this the time to talk about something other than resolutions?"

Supervisor Walter: "Nope. Just resolutions. That comes after at the end of the meeting."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Can I make a motion that we close the town board meeting?"

Supervisor Walter: "You can make that motion, yeah."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And open the CDA meeting."

Supervisor Walter: "All in favor?"

Collective response: "Aye."

Meeting adjourned

Meeting reopened

Supervisor Walter: "Okay, Diane, if you would want to call--

Resolution #867

Councilman Dunleavy: "2010 Millbrook Gables improvement project budget adoption. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "Second."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #868

Councilman Wooten: "Authorization to discard fixed assets. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #869

Councilman Gabrielsen: "General fund justice court budget adjustment. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."



Resolution #870

Councilwoman Giglio: "Authorizes release of developer money Mastro Realty. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #871

Councilman Dunleavy: "Meetinghouse Creek bulkheading improvement capital project budget adoption. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "I'll second."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #872

Councilman Wooten: "It's a general fund recreation department budget adjustment. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #873

Councilman Gabrielsen: "South dam fish passage budget adjustment. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #874

Councilwoman Giglio: "Authorizes the execution and submission of grant application to Suffolk County for fiscal year 2011 community development block grant funds. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #875

Councilman Dunleavy: "Authorizes community development department to prepare grant applications for New York State Department of Environmental Conservation vessel assistance funding and Suffolk County Department of Health (Office of Ecology). So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "Seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #876

Councilman Wooten: "876 rescinds Resolution #860 of 11/16/10 and authorizes advertisement for bid - construction of supply well at plant No. 17 - Route 105 - Riverhead water district. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #877

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Authorize the town clerk to post and publish notice to bidders for street light and traffic signal maintenance repair parts. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #878

Councilwoman Giglio: "Authorizes the supervisor to enter into an agreement with John S. Kurkjian for Information Technology Services. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #879

Councilman Dunleavy: "Abolishes a position in the town of Riverhead. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "Seconded."

(Some inaudible discussion)

Supervisor Walter: "The last one we voted on wasn't the standard agreement that the town attorney uses so before I sign this Resolution 878, the agreement that goes along with it, I'll make sure that it's approved by the town attorney. If it's not, then well we might have to amend or rescind that."

Okay, I'm sorry. Go ahead. Where were we, Diane?"

Councilman Dunleavy: "Abolishes a position in the town of

Riverhead. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "Seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #880

Councilman Wooten: "Promotion to heavy equipment operator in the highway department. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Yeah. I just want to make a statement that this is a promotion for an employee that has left so it's filling a position. So I vote yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy."

Councilman Dunleavy: "I follow up Councilwoman Giglio. It's only a replacement. I vote yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Walter yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #881

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Promotion to heavy equipment operator in the highway department. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Same scenario. Yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Same, yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #882

Councilwoman Giglio: "Appoints temporary clerks to the tax receiver's office. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #883

Councilman Dunleavy: "Adopts a local law to amend Chapter 12 of the Riverhead town code, coastal erosion hazard areas, concerning invasive species. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "I'll second."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #884

Councilman Wooten: "Awards bid for propane. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #885

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Appoints a call in recreation aide to the recreation department. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #886

Councilwoman Giglio: "Appoints a call in recreation aide to the recreation department. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #887

Councilman Dunleavy: "Appoints a call in recreation aide to the Riverhead recreation department. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "Seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #888

Councilman Wooten: "Appoints a call in personnel for the Riverhead youth bureau/recreation department. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Four out of five are residents of Riverhead so I will vote yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #889

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Amends yard waste fee schedule for 2011. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten."

Councilman Wooten: "Yes. It actually makes it more (inaudible). Yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Dunleavy, yes; Walter."

Supervisor Walter: "Yes. And it's actually cheaper because we're allowing year round leaf drop off for the 2011 year. We'll allow year round leaf drop off at the composting facility at no charge to the residents so it's cheaper. Yes."

Diane Wilhelm: "The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #890

Councilwoman Giglio: "Approves Guillo Contracting Corp. as drainlayer for the Riverhead sewer district. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #891

Councilman Dunleavy: "Authorize the town clerk to post and

publish the attached notice to bidders for Chapter 54 demolition of unsafe structures located at the Knolls of Baiting Hollow, new York, 1411, 1311, 1211, 1111, 1410, 1310, 1210, 1100 Bluffs Drive, Baiting Hollow, also known as Suffolk County Tax Map No.s 0600-11.1-1-181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187 and 188. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "Demolition."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Demolition, I finally got it."

Councilwoman Giglio: "All these tongue twisters today."

Councilman Wooten: "Seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Supervisor Walter: "I just want to say on that last resolution, I don't know if there's anybody here from the Knolls or the Bluffs, but we waited- is anybody here from the Knolls or the Bluffs? No."

We waited a little bit because this gentleman said he was going to take the building down and we didn't want to expend our engineering staff is at a premium- time in their office is at a premium now so it's unfortunate that we had to actually prepare a bid spec and go forward. We are going forward and it will be town down."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And the cost of demolition is going as a lien against the property so it will not be funded by the taxpayers."

#### Resolution #892

Councilman Wooten: "Establishes time of regular meetings of the town board for 2011 I supposed. Yes. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."



The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Yeah. I don't know-- someone asked the question."

I know we always change September-- okay, no, I'll vote yes. I was mistaken."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #893

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Adopts a local law to amend Chapter 101 entitled Vehicles and Traffic of the Riverhead town code, Section 101-4 one way streets, Cedar Street, Riverhead. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #894

Councilwoman Giglio: "Adopts a local law to amend Chapter 101 entitled Vehicles and Traffic of the Riverhead town code, Section 101-10 parking prohibited, Hulse Landing Road, Wading River and Second Street, Riverhead. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio."

(Some inaudible discussion)

Councilwoman Giglio: "Yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #895

Councilman Dunleavy: "895- I'd like to table this. The description of one of these roads is wrong, it overlaps with another no parking district."

(Some inaudible discussion)

Councilman Dunleavy: "North Wading River Road, down to the intersection with Hulse Landing Road, there's no parking. There's a 30 foot strip where there is a different parking regulation to Hulse Landing Road. That's between Hulse Landing Road and Wildwood Road, right. Okay. All right. Okay."

Adopts a local law to amend Chapter 101 entitled Vehicles and Traffic of the Riverhead town code, Chapter 101-17 parking by permit, Hulse Landing Road, North Wading River Road, Wildwood Road, Wading River. So moved. No one mentioned that. Okay."

Councilman Wooten: "I'll second."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #896

Councilman Wooten: "This authorizes the retention of the law firm of Manatt, Phelps Phillip for assistance with rail spur issues. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "This is the first time I'm seeing this."

Supervisor Walter: "Yours has got Jaspan & Schlessinger. This is the rail attorney that we're talking about hiring so that we- no, it's not right."

(Some inaudible discussion)

Supervisor Walter: "We discussed this in work session. This was to have- we have to negotiate an agreement with New York & Atlantic Railroad or some entity to operate the rail spur. We also

have to do easements for the rail spur and other things. This is a very specific task and the only attorney we could find is this gentleman. It is expensive what he charges per hour but the issue is he's willing to do it on his hourly rate and then he would supplement all the legwork of the town attorney's office.

So instead of having somebody just as a bulk do everything, we'll do all the legwork, he'll review it, but it is 750 an hour. It's a New York City law firm and they specialize in this.

We did discuss this in work session."

Councilman Dunleavy: "We did."

Councilwoman Giglio: "A couple of weeks ago. Okay. Anyway I was just curious as to whether or not we could recover any of this money from New York and Atlantic seeing as they'll be benefitting from this contract also."

Dawn Thomas: (Inaudible)

Councilwoman Giglio: "Okay. Okay, good. Okay."

(Some inaudible discussion)

Supervisor Walter: "Okay. So this one has been amended the first Resolve clause will read that the Riverhead town board hereby approves the attached retainer and we're taking out from the law firm of Jaspian Schlessinger Hoffman LLP. We're taking that out. So we'll just put attached retainer. Okay, so can we get that moved as amended?"

Councilman Wooten: "Yes."

Councilwoman Giglio: "I make a motion to move Resolution #897 as amended."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Councilwoman Giglio: "896. As amended. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #897

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Authorizes town clerk to publish and post notice to bidders for sealed bids for junk/abandoned vehicles. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #898

Councilwoman Giglio: "Authorizes town clerk to publish and post a public notice to consider a local law to amend Chapter 58 entitled Dogs of the Riverhead town code. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio."

Councilwoman Giglio: "I cannot support this resolution because I feel that we are charging additional fees. It will cost a family to have a dog \$45.00 every three years. It will cost a farmer to have a dog \$45.00 every three years. And I feel that it's a one time service and we should be charging a one time charge. So I say no."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten."

Councilman Wooten: "Actually that's not accurate. It's— for unaltered dogs it's \$15.00. Most people have their dogs fixed and it's— right now it's an annual licensing fee and it's \$45.00— if you make them license the dog to coincide with the rabies vaccine, then it would be a three time charge. But otherwise it's a yearly permit."

Most people license their dog yearly because of the life expectancy of the dog. You're not going to- but- (inaudible)."

Supervisor Walter: "I don't understand this. You asked for-

Councilman Wooten: "I vote yes."

Councilwoman Giglio: "No, no. I said to pay a one time fee which would be- the clerk is- her office is being visited once, she's issuing one tag, and she's doing paperwork once but they're paying three times."

Supervisor Walter: "Because then you take away all the revenue that we would receive to fund the animal shelter."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Right. It's a revenue generator and it's costing people to have animals, domestic animals in their houses, and I don't think that it's right."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Jodi, this isn't a revenue generator. This is mandated by the state that dogs must be licensed. They must have rabies shot. Rabies shots last for one or three years so we can't give them a license for lifetime because they still have to come in and show their rabies because the state is requiring them to do that."

This was passed down to us by the state for us to- all towns in the state of New York must do this now. They're taking-- again, the state- is an unfunded mandate that the state has given us and we have to fund it some way because we have to buy tags, we have to buy paperwork, we have to get our computers on line for this stuff so it's a user fee."

If you have a dog, if you get it licensed, you must- the state is requiring you to pay a fee. I vote yes."

Supervisor Walter: "Well said. Okay. Well, we're out of order now so continue the vote."

Diane Wilhelm: "John voted yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Wooten."

Councilman Wooten: "I already voted yes."

Diane Wilhelm: "Did you vote yes?"

Councilman Wooten: "I sure did."

Councilman Dunleavy: "He voted. We weren't out of order."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #899

Councilman Dunleavy: "Okay. Authorizes the release of security for BJ's Warehouse Club a/k/a East End Commons Associates LLC. So moved."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Sorry, go ahead."

Councilman Wooten: "I'll second."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter."

Supervisor Walter: "Yes. And my 13 year old son is going to be doing this and we're going to be trying to raise a thousand dollars- "

Councilman Dunleavy: "You're talking about this one. We didn't do that one yet."

Supervisor Walter: "My 13 year old son is not doing- yeah, I've got my resolutions out of order.

I'm voting yes on this one.

And my 13 year old son is going to do the polar bear plunge for the next one."

Diane Wilhelm: "899 resolution is adopted."

Resolution #900

Councilman Wooten: "If it is as cold as yesterday he's clearly nuts."

But approves Chapter 90 application of Peconic Bay Medical Center for the 2010 annual polar bear plunge, but it's actually in January, 2011. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy."

Councilman Dunleavy: "I have to say Peconic Bay Medical Center is a great institution and it treats everybody that goes there. They need these fundraisers so anybody out there that would like to contribute or to go and swim, please call Peconic Bay Medical Center at the auxiliary's- and join them down there, that's July 22<sup>nd</sup>- January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011."

I vote yes."

Supervisor Walter: "And make a pledge to Timothy Walter."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Councilman Wooten: "They maybe generate some of their own business after that plunge I would think."

#### Resolution #901

Councilman Gabrielsne: "Authorize the town clerk to publish and post a public notice to consider a local law to amend Chapter 37 entitled Retirement of the Riverhead town code. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy."

Councilman Dunleavy: "I vote yes. This, again, is to try and get some of our long time employees to retire, we're giving them an incentive. So I vote yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #902

Councilwoman Giglio: "Authorizes the extension of time to remit real property taxes for senior citizens receiving enhanced STAR pursuant to Section 425 of the RPTL. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio."

Councilwoman Giglio: "This is because social security- the deadline is May 31<sup>st</sup> and they don't receive their social security checks until after that so we're extending that for six days until June 6<sup>th</sup> of 2011. Yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #903

Councilman Dunleavy: "Authorize the supervisor to release petty cash monies to receiver of taxes. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "Seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #904

Councilman Wooten: "It's been a long time coming. But I tell you with that beautiful park behind it, it's a good place for it."



Authorizes town clerk to publish and post a public notice to consider a community garden located at West Main Street, Riverhead described as SCTM# 0600-128-3-72.1. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Yes. This was supposed to happen this year but we never acted on it. There was controversy and I'm glad we're acting on it now for next year. So moved. Yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

#### Resolution #905

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Authorize town clerk to publish and post public notice to consider a local law to amend Chapter 45 entitled Alarm systems of the Riverhead town code. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten."

Councilman Wooten: "This is to publish and post. Yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Dunleavy."

Councilman Dunleavy: "I'm going to vote yes. We have more malfunctions in our alarm systems in the town of Riverhead and fire department, volunteers go out and they are risking their lives. So I think that they have to repair them and this alarm system code gets them to repair their alarm systems.

So I vote yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #906

Councilwoman Giglio: "Amends resolution 454 of 2010. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #907

Councilman Dunleavy: "Ratifies the execution of a stipulation with an employee. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "I'll second."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #908

Councilman Wooten: "908 authorizes town board support of the FEMA hazard mitigation grant application to be submitted by the town of Brookhaven for the repair and restoration of the Wading River Duck Ponds. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy."

Councilman Dunleavy: "I'm going to vote yes. We waited five years for this and finally the duck ponds are going to be cleaned out and repaired in Wading River.

I vote yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Walter, ditto. Yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #909

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Pays bills. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Councilman Dunleavy: "All right. I'd like to make a motion--"

Supervisor Walter: "Hold on. We have how many-- there's three resolutions."

Councilman Dunleavy: "That we take three resolutions off the floor. Do you want to number them?"

Councilman Wooten: "I've got 910 for East End Wireless. I've got 911 for the extended professional services agreement and the last one (inaudible)."

Diane Wilhelm: "Okay, so 910 is for East End Wireless; 911 is for the professional services with Grant Writer; and 912 is the East Creek, Hawks Creek."

Councilman Dunleavy: "That's 910, 911 and 912 off the floor. So moved."

Supervisor Walter: "May I have a second?"

Councilman Wooten: "I'll second."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please, to take off the floor."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. Resolutions 910, 911 and 912 are taken off the floor."

Resolution #910

Councilman Dunleavy: "910- authorize the release of site plan security of East End Wireless, Inc. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "I'll second."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #911

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Authorizes the supervisor to submit a grant application and to extend professional services agreement with Grant Writer. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please. Does everybody know what this is for? Horton Avenue for the (inaudible) to the state application."

Councilman Wooten: "It has a deadline of about a week and a half."

Supervisor Walter: "Yeah."

Councilwoman Giglio: "So (inaudible) we're not doing anything, but we are. Right?"

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Yes. This is for- again, Horton Avenue for a state grant and we're going to pay her the maximum of \$900 to write the state grant for us. We may be able to get a lot more money coming into the town. So I vote yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #912

Councilwoman Giglio: "Adopts a resolution authorizing the supervisor to execute agreements to provide the County of Suffolk with assurances related to the dredging of East Creek, Hawks Creek and Miamogue Lagoon located within the town of Riverhead. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten."

Councilman Wooten: "I don't like it. But they won't do the work unless we hold them harmless, so yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Dunleavy."

Councilman Dunleavy: "I've got to vote yes. The county wants to hold them harmless in case any damage is done when they are doing this dredging. I really don't think we should. We're one municipality. The county of Suffolk and the town of Riverhead, but they do not want to be sued.

So I have to vote yes because we need these dredgings."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Walter."

Supervisor Walter: "And that's exactly- I've spoken to the other east end supervisors. The county makes all the east end supervisors do this or towns do this, so it's unfortunate the county is abdicating its responsibility in dredging the creeks and trying to make us responsible, but so goes it.

Yes."

Diane Wilhelm: "The resolution is adopted."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay. Well, we're all done with the resolutions. We'd like to invite anybody up for five minutes to comment on anything before the board or that you'd like to bring before the board. If we can limit our time to five minutes, that would be great. Matt."

Matt Hattorff: "Matt Hattorff, President Riverhead Town

Employees.

I would hope that the board would still consider reinstating these 13 jobs and moving the money from the reserves to now fund them. And I plan on being here at the next meeting and the meeting after.

Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you."

Bill Walsh: "Good afternoon, Mr. Supervisor and members of the town board, Madam Clerk. My name is Bill Walsh. I'm president of Suffolk Local 852.

Before I get into my comments, I thought I heard Councilman Dunleavy say that he was going to be doing the polar plunge. Is that correct? That you are going to be doing the-

Councilman Dunleavy: "No. I'm going to donate."

Bill Walsh: "Oh, I heard you advocating so greatly for it, I thought you were going to lead by example."

Councilman Dunleavy: "No. (Inaudible)."

Bill Walsh: "That better be a large check, Councilman."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Maybe some people can talk me into doing it."

Supervisor Walter: "No. We want you to be around for a little more time, John."

Bill Walsh: "You know I've been in Riverhead speaking before town boards now for probably three years and it's always a pleasure to come here and see what happens in a community that is small and very tightly knit together. And I was moved by the story about these two gentlemen and all their help and I want to personally thank all of you for recognizing them. It's not too often that people do things out of the goodness of their heart and get recognition for it.

I would hope that in keeping in spirit of what these gentlemen

and others did to help out residents of the town of Riverhead, that you all may consider or reconsider if you have already of foregoing your salaries and your stipends so that four or five residents of the town of Riverhead who work for the town of Riverhead and their families would not be losing their job.

And I do recognize the importance of every elected official. But I also realize that it's a part time job for all of you. It pays about \$53,000- "

Councilman Gabrielsen: "I just want to correct you one second. It's not a part time job anymore in Riverhead. Those days are long gone. You can find council people here at night at nine or nine-thirty on the different committee meetings that we have, etc. So let's not diminish it as being like just a part time thing."

Bill Walsh: "Well, I can say this. As far as I know, the hours that you put in, I believe are the hours which you choose to serve the residents, but I believe it's still listed as a part time position. Not to take away from any one individual up there that may donate more of their time than is required, but I also know that- "

Councilman Dunleavy: "Can I just ask you a question?"

Bill Walsh: "Sure."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And I know your wife Kathy Walsh is a town of Brookhaven councilwoman and the town of Brookhaven did lay off people. Did she volunteer her salary so those people in the town of Brookhaven do not get laid off?"

Bill Walsh: "Councilman Dunleavy, I believe you're inaccurate. No person in the town of Brookhaven lost their job, okay. I think you should- "

Councilwoman Giglio: "Well, the union- "

Bill Walsh: "One second. Let me just please address the Councilman. I think you need to go back and recheck your facts that the- there were proposals for layoffs. The blue collar and white collar got an eight year contract extension and as part of that eight year contract extension, we diverted- or we averted approximately 146 jobs from being eliminated."

Councilman Dunleavy: "What about the highway department?"

Bill Walsh: "There are currently six employees slated to lose their job in highway and those employees both myself, the white collar unit president, the highway unit president, when I leave here this evening I'll be going to speak in front of the town board.

I believe we've come up with a plan by looking at the budget very closely and going through it and finding all of the positions that are currently funded but not filled, and we're going to be asking the town board along with the supervisor and the highway superintendent to remind him of his responsibility to not lay off anyone under his jurisdiction when, in fact, there are currently 14 funded unfilled positions.

So we are going to be lobbying very hard over the next couple of weeks and if in fact there were layoffs that occur in the town of Brookhaven, you have my assurance that wife or no wife, friend or no friend, I will be advocating the same exact thing of them that I'm advocating of all of you. Because it makes no difference where I stand."

Councilman Dunleavy: "No. But I haven't heard you advocate so that's why I'm saying what's good for one is good for everybody else."

Bill Walsh: "I'm glad that you brought that up, so let me be the first to assure you that you will see me on channel 18 if you come to Brookhaven and watch, advocating for the same thing if one person loses their job in Brookhaven.

But as of right now, there is no one losing their job in Brookhaven."

Councilman Dunleavy: "The highway department."

Bill Walsh: "Well there are six people slated to. They have not lost their job. That we will take care of. Trust me."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And the union has also agreed for everybody across the board to pay 10% of their medical benefits where they were not paying anything before. Is that correct, to offset the cost of those jobs?"



Bill Walsh: "Councilman Giglio, I'm here to address you, the town board in Riverhead. Okay?"

Councilwoman Giglio: "Yes. I'm just saying the union made concessions there."

Bill Walsh: "Listen. They were not concessions, okay, Councilwoman. There was an eight year contract extension. There's a difference, okay. I can explain it to you if you need me to further in detail but I'm afraid you've already taken time from my five minutes. So I would ask to finish my comments."

Councilwoman Giglio: "I will ask the supervisor to give you an extension and I'd appreciate it if you spoke to me with respect as I speak to you with respect."

Bill Walsh: "I am giving you respect. I'm asking you--"

Councilwoman Giglio: "I know what an eight year extension means. Thank you, Mr. Walsh."

Bill Walsh: "I'm asking you to allow me to finish my comments or at least allow my time to be extended."

I'm asking that all of you and, again, you know in the spirit of community to consider giving up of your salaries and stipends to save possibly four or five families from being on the unemployment line.

As far as you, Mr. Supervisor-- "

Supervisor Walter: "Let me just-- we threw a proposal out there that was soundly-- flatly rejected but I'll throw it out to you."

First of all, it's-- we cannot save the part time people because we have part time people making \$8,000 a year getting 100% paid medical benefits to the tune of \$18,000 a year. These are people that put beach stickers on our cars. While that's a good service, we can't do that anymore.

So let's focus on the full time people. Six full time people are losing their jobs, one person has been rehired or will be rehired by the town. There's an avenue and we haven't fully flushed

it out yet to get another person rehired by the town so we're down to four.

If the union gives up the 1.25% automatic step, we will immediately put back probably two people. It's in your court. Give up the 1.2 and we'll put back two people. And don't confuse this. We are paying the 1.2 next year.

I understand the Triborough doctrine. It was fully explained to me by you and your staff. I understand it. They're going to be paid. That's two jobs probably right there in your hands. You can put them right back. Then we're down to two jobs.

I have reached out to Brookhaven Lab to try to find homes for them. I've reached out to Peconic Bay Medical Center. I'm reaching out to another town. I'm going to find jobs for these people if I can. But I'll immediately put two people back to work if the 1.2 goes back, you know, if you give that back.

And that's a small thing."

Bill Walsh: "Mr. Supervisor, I'm glad that you understand the Triborough Act but I am prohibited to talk about any ongoing negotiations beyond the point that the committee is working on."

Supervisor Walter: "If you could take that back to the committee that would be fantastic."

Bill Walsh: "I don't think I need to. I think you already brought it publicly to everyone and I would caution that maybe you should think about the Triborough Act and how it's written and why it's written.

Let me say to you, Mr. Supervisor, that it became aware to me that you also have a town vehicle that provides you with free gas and insurance and I would ask that you would- "

Supervisor Walter: "I will give it up. I went to Bill Rothaar and I said, Bill, I drive and I kept logs, about 1600 miles a month. It is cheaper for me, town, not commuting, town, it is cheaper for me to keep a town vehicle that is a 2007 that I took from the previous supervisor. It's cheaper for me to take a town vehicle because there's no way I'm not going to charge the town for the mileage- than take the \$.50 a mile.

And Bill Rothaar and I had that conversation. If it was cheaper for the town to go the other way then I would absolutely do it. It is not and unfortunately, Mr. Walsh, I'm not a rich guy. I'm not working for free. I don't expect the council members to work for free. I don't expect your wife to work for free.

I understand the grandstanding about that. But stick to things that we can- "

Bill Walsh: "Listen, you can grandstand all you want if you like but I would like to also bring to your attention that since you interjected Brookhaven elected officials, none of them have town vehicles and they don't put in for mileage because they believe it is part of their responsibility to go out in the evenings and meet with the community."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Well, I don't have a town vehicle and I do not put in for mileage either. I feel it is my part of community service to go out there and visit the people."

Bill Walsh: "Thank you very much, Councilman. And let me just say in closing that if this board- if this board had followed the mandate of the people from two years ago, we wouldn't even be having this discussion."

As I said at the last meeting that I was allowed to speak at, the past supervisor did not put the referendum money into the budget, he took it from the reserves. You, Mr. Supervisor choose not to put that money back in."

Supervisor Walter: "That's not accurate."

Bill Walsh: "Well, I assure you that when we look at our numbers, okay, we will be able to show you that the reserves are down and the revenue for the town is down. So you traded 911 operators for these other 13 people and I hear people talking in back so I will be respectful of them and I will give up my time. But I didn't go over my time because I wanted to."

Supervisor Walter: "No. We engaged you. We understand that."

Bill Walsh: "Thank you very much. And I hope that you'll be considering some of my proposals."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Thank you, Mr. Walsh."

Councilman Wooten: "Merry Christmas."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you. Next."

Don Caputo: "Hi, Don Caputo. C-A-P-U-T-O. I currently live in Holbrook. I'm a little sorry that I have to follow that last speaker but I have something much less serious just to question you on.

My wife and I are considering purchasing a home in the Windcrest East development which is in the proximity of the Youngs Avenue capped landfill."

Supervisor Walter: "Welcome to Riverhead we hope."

Don Caputo: "Yes. Thank you. And I was just wondering, I've been reading some old newspaper articles and some of it talks about creating a park there or a walkway park there. Some of it talks about a solar farm. And I was just wondering if there was any update or any information you can give me."

Councilman Dunleavy: "This is going to be like the town of Islip has an ecology walk on their old landfill that they capped. We are hoping to get this open so people can go up there and walk and look at the wildflowers and stuff that's up there. Or take a bicycle and ride their bicycles up there.

So that is in the process of getting opened and we hope to have it open by the spring of this year so people can use that as a walk and also as a bike path."

Don Caputo: "That's excellent. Do you know the status of the solar farm proposal that was done about a year, year and a half- "

Councilman Dunleavy: "They left. They haven't come back."

Councilman Wooten: "I wish they would though."

Don Caputo: "Okay, very good. That's all I have. Thank you."

Councilman Dunleavy: "I hope you move in."

Supervisor Walter: "That's in a beautiful- I have friends in that community. That's a beautiful community. Welcome. That's a good spot.

Mr. Harrigan."

Mike Harrigan: "Good afternoon, Mike Harrigan, Wading River Civic president.

Dear town board. I'd actually just like to read this letter into the record and there are copies for the town board to read if you would like. Thank you.

The Riverhead Neighborhood Preservation Coalition, North Fork Environmental Council, Wading River Civic Association and Group for the East End thank the town board and planning board for consideration of the following comments regarding the proposed commercial developments namely Knightland, Great Rock expansion and Central Square in the hamlet of Wading River.

The introduction to the quote unquote Business Districts Element of the master plan adopted in 2003 states that commercial retail development should be well planned on a site basis instead of sprawled along Riverhead's roads... putting at risk the town's rural character.

Referring specifically to commercial development along Route 25A in Wading River, the master plan emphasizes that as such development is realized that Route 25A will look more and more like Route 58, unless development standards and design guidelines are established to encourage a more neighborhood sensitive look.

The master plan strongly recommends that commercial development be concentrated near the intersection of the Wading River-Manorville Roads and that this concentration of commercial development would adequately meet the needs of local residents at that location.

Referring to the intersection of Parker Road, Route 25A and Sound Avenue, the master plan emphasizes that the area's small population would not be able to support additional retail at this location.

If the boards- both boards accept the validity of the adopted master plan then the logical conclusion is that the proposed

commercial development east of the CVS drug store and at the intersection of Route 25A, Parker and Sound Avenue is not in keeping with the adopted master plan but is really destination retail.

The challenge is to find, as much as possible, a balance that will mitigate the impact that such commercialization will have on the rural nature of Wading River.

The Riverhead Neighborhood Preservation Coalition, North Fork Environmental Council, Wading River Civic Association and the Group for the East End therefore recommend, given the extent of development being proposed in addition to the possibility of construction of a 6,000+ square foot catering hall at Great Rock Golf Course, that the planning board conduct a coordinated review of potential impacts of these three proposals, or if the Great Rock site plan is rejected, the two proposals.

On the Knightland site plan that currently consists of 30 stores at the triangle, we'd like you to consider that compliance with even the Business CR zone (if it were to remain in place) is a matter of more than just meeting numerical requirements such as lot coverage, it also means conforming to the intent of the zone. This site plan clearly does not.

As to the Great Rock proposal, looking at it both in isolation and as part of the other two development proposals in close proximity to each other, the community is perplexed at the planning board's consideration of a plan for a catering hall in the midst of a residential neighborhood - notably without any special permits or variances - that does not conform to the property's RB-80 zoning, violates the covenants attached to that property and would be a dramatic expansion of (or accessory to) a prohibited, non-conforming accessory use.

Approval would set a precedent that could be used by others, like businesses to expand buildings and uses, affecting open space and the rural nature of the town in such areas.

We ask the town to reconsider its approach to this site plan by acknowledging the aforementioned issues and by following the process that is required by town procedures and law.

The stakes are high. The quality of life in and rural character of Wading River is at risk here and thus it is especially

important that the town be guided by the master plan and fully respect Riverhead town zoning, code and procedures.

Thank you for giving us this opportunity to speak on behalf of our members and our boards who reside throughout Riverhead township and on behalf of the residents of Wading River."

Supervisor Walter: "Mike, we're going to give you some bad news and we're going to give you some worse news. You know, (inaudible) the Democrats are attacking me for dismantling the master plan. I wish I could because I have to tell you every time we sit there and start to tinker with zoning, we have unintended consequences.

I don't think the master plan is all that it's cracked up to be. The truth be told, I don't particularly think that it was accurate in a lot of areas. The master plan calls for one acre zoning in Wading River. We've got two acre zoning.

The master plan was supposed to model the hamlet study of Wading River but reduce density and it did do that and I'm going to show you how it did that. But it didn't do it enough.

I don't support any of these projects.

The master plan called for two acre zoning north of Sound Avenue and the area of Roanoke. We're now being sued because the master plan was one acre zoning. As far as I'm concerned there's large sections of the master plan and the Democrats may be right that it should be dismantled.

Here's the problem. You may say that in 2003 there was a draft that said one thing but the adopted 2004 said something different. We can't go by the draft. We have to go by the 2004 adopted master plan. The draft is not relevant and I can't change that.

And a fair interpretation. I read the different parts of what Dominique presented to us— Mendez, and you can read it either way. I'm sorry. As an attorney I'm pretty good. You can read this either way. It doesn't just say one— is it inarticulate? Yes. But it could be read either way.

But here's the real problem. Because I wanted to make sure we did not as a town screw up. I'm going to give Mike his due and

George Bartunek has this. This is it. This is the- this document, Laura (inaudible), the town attorney's office put together, tracked the zoning from 1989 under the hamlet study right through to today's date and in 1989, this entire (inaudible) was a very heavy intensive commercial corridor.

The town board and Joe Janoski, the Supervisor, were trying to attract businesses. The master plan while it did not go as far as CRC for Wading River, it did go to business CR which is a much, much less intense development.

Do I (inaudible)? No. I don't. But I can't legally pull the wool- the rug out from under these developers at this point once you've got site plans.

So here's the really bad news. Jimmy Tounis (phonetic) came to me and said that he's planning a shopping center just to the east of- in the not too distant future, the funeral home. So what I did was I met with the planning staff, I met with them several times, I met with the two members of the planning board and approached the third member.

I've asked the planning board to issue a pos dec on all of these shopping centers. It is not- if each one of these were done in and of itself and over a five or ten year period, the effects wouldn't be as bad. We wouldn't be happy but the (inaudible) we see it, but the cumulative impacts of every project is just too much for this hamlet to expand.

I've asked them to pos dec them. I've met with the highway superintendent and I've also asked that absolutely under no circumstances do any of these parcels get access off Sound Avenue. If Knightland is going to build anything, all their access is through their own parking lot or 25A. Nothing can come off Sound Avenue.

And then I also asked the planning staff and planning board to review. The problem here with Great Rock is that even though the underlying- the previous supervisor removed the words from the zoning code, but Great Rock was adopted or was passed or approved as a special permit and the special permit runs with the land.

So I said the question that you have to- I'm going to give this to the town attorney because we haven't really spoken. The question



that I want to know is at the time the special permit was approved, what size building was allowed and can you expand that building even under the existing special permit language-- not language but the existing zoning the special permit was granted.

I'm going to do everything that I can but I want to give this to you and if you want to-- once you're done with your comments, this will give you every single step and everything, there's nothing that talks about CRC. Everything talks about going from a highway business use to a rural-- to the business CR and everything was done above board. There was no mistakes. I mean we went through this with a fine tooth comb. We didn't make a mistake-- that we-- the previous board.

And I will do everything I-- listen, I live there. I'm going to do everything I can to have the growth be in a way that's fitting to the community and I don't want to see urban blight, but you know I'm also constrained by going to the master plan six years ago, you can't just turn around in Wading River and say, you know what. We don't like this, (inaudible) moratorium, do another master plan. It doesn't work that way."

Mike Harrigan: "Sean, Supervisor, I will definitely agree with you on-- the language is probably what's perplexing most people and that needs to be probably a lot more clarification from the town board and the planning board as well.

That's-- I will speak on my behalf. Again, I can't speak on behalf of the Civic on that end. But this isn't an issue of (inaudible).

We understand that developers who bought property obviously bought it with the intent of what was in the zoning of that area, or the parcel. But the idea is that the intensity and the increased density is far beyond comprehension for most.

And in an area where you have Calverton National which is right up on 25A, you have rural corridor which was established for Sound Avenue. There's not much more we can take."

Supervisor Walter: "You know what's perplexing to me, Mike (inaudible). What's perplexing to me is in Aquebogue and Jamesport we've got a lot of antique store zoning. We didn't get that in Wading River. I don't know why that (inaudible). I don't know why

that happened.

I'm going to work within the zoning code to do what I can. SEQRA is going to send these projects to a whole new level of review. I will work closely with the Civic but I can't— we'll work closely with the Civic and see what we can do to come up with something that works for the community (inaudible).

If I was not supervisor, I'd be standing at the podium saying (inaudible)."

Councilman Wooten: "I have a real hard time with it. I tell you. I read the proposal, I read the adopted, I see the changes that were made. At no time was the objectives and the goals that were mounted, facing on the right side of the page, were ever changed. There was lines taken out, sentences put in. No planning documents or discussions through all the minutes I went through to justify any of that.

But that being said, it is what it is. But just the fact that it seems that there was some monkey business going on. I can't imagine why in Wading River you would want to make that a destination commercial zone when you've got Riverhead seven miles to the east. You've got Rocky Point seven miles to the west.

Why anybody— I am not going to leave Riverhead and drive to Wading River to shop, I'm just not going to do it. I don't understand where the draw is going to come from for that kind of intense commercial use. I don't know where they're going to draw people to even sustain those businesses. So it doesn't— it certainly doesn't make sense to me what the master plan called for."

Mike Harrigan: "I think just not to harp on it but to identify. The language, the intent of the community and those that sat on the actual master plan formulation committee, I believe the intent and in speaking to some of the members that were at those meetings as well, the rural corridor, the country, maintenance of the structures and, you know, that was the underlying theme for most.

I think, Sean, you might agree as well, that countryesque— "

Councilman Wooten: "Yeah, a little country inn."

Mike Harrigan: "-- and the intensity of the shopping district was primarily the Serota and the smaller strip mall on the-- my butcher and all those other little smaller stores are, and that was it and Little Bay Plaza.

If you see the town homes and the condos that were built further going east, it seems as if that was a move by the planning at the time."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Mike, I don't want to cast any shadow on any boards previous to this board, but we're finding out now as applications come in for establishments to be built that there are some mistakes in the master plan.

The problem is that they were not picked up by the planning board back when it was adopted and things were changed. But we can't find-- after somebody has all their work with the planning department and the site plan is getting approved, we just cannot change the zone at that time because we're opening ourselves up to suits and we lost the Zouma suit. We lost the one on Sound Avenue and Parker Road. So I mean we just can't do that. We wish we could, but we just can't do it."

Mike Harrigan: "I implore, and I don't want to belabor, that each of the town board members still keep that open line of communication in this process because we're going to probably be several months into probably years before maybe something is broken ground.

But it's the idea that that line of communication rather than a closed door is made available to us."

Supervisor Walter: "We never want to be in the position, again, that previous town boards put us in with Reeves Park where we just locked everything up and said litigate. Because in the end we lost Reeves Park and we're getting something we don't want.

And on the CVS just to the-- I guess just to the west of CVS, that's what happened, too. We put up the shields of litigation and said the heck with you, litigate it. And you know what, we lost. And that one we had no control over that one. But that one combined with everything else may in my mind trigger a full impact statement. It will be scoped mainly for traffic and aesthetics but we're going down that road, we'll see what we can do.

It's unfortunate everyone has property rights and we have to respect Mr. Barra's, Mr. Zoumas', Mr. Tunis' property rights just as much as we have to respect individual Wading River homeowner's property rights.

It's a tough spot to be in as the Wading River Supervisor but we'll get through it. I'm not quite sure what will come out of it but we'll get through it."

Mike Harrigan: "Thank you very much."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Thank you."

Dominique Mendez: "Dominique Mendez, Wading River, Riverhead Neighborhood Preservation Coalition.

I'm going to be brief, I just want to follow up. One, I think the good news, too, on Knightland is that if you look at even business CR if that were to stand, that this site plan actually doesn't adhere to that because it is as Mike said a lot more than just meeting a lot coverage. There is more to meeting a zone. So I think that's the good news and we ask you to enforce the zoning there because that is a mall and that is not within the zoning—that's called for in the zone and I've read that before and we know what the zone says or we can look it up.

But— and besides that, on Great Rock the good news is that that's an issue of you guys following code and procedure truthfully in your planning board. That isn't an issue of property rights because Great Rock doesn't have property rights. The property rights that would be infringed upon would be the neighbors property rights and we ask you to look at town code and law and look at that again with that in mind.

There is a— we don't understand how that is being considered. It would violate our property rights."

Supervisor Walter: "We understand. And I think that the town residents have to understand there's three— we are the town board and I know you understand this but I think the residents don't understand this.

We're the town board. We set the zoning. We set the codes and the regulations. We give the ability to do site plan and

subdivisions to the planning board. Once we give that and then we appoint the board so they're free from political- we appoint them for five year terms. I think it's five year terms. So they're free to some extent of political influence and then they go and implement what we have adopted.

So when somebody comes in for a site plan, we don't control what the planning board does. Do we have influence? Yes, I've had them come to my office- I don't want to say we summoned them, that's not-- but we brought them to the office. We have some control. We can change the game plan as we go but they are in control of the site plan and then, of course, the third layer is the zoning board of appeals and they can- even when we set something, they're higher than us in terms of they can grant relief to things that we set.

So this board doesn't necessarily have the control that the residents think it has. We only have control over the underlying zoning which if you look at what was adopted, I don't want to say it's bullet proof but it's really very good.

The town attorney's office, if you go through what I gave Mr. Harrigan, the town attorney's office, you might not like the way the master plan is adopted but the underlying zoning, it's correct. It's absolutely right."

Dominique Mendez: "I've seen that documentation. I would beg to differ. But I was referring on the Great Rock, actually I think you do have recourse because in that situation, this really should be if it were to be considered in front of your board and we are asking the planning board and you guys do have influence, if you feel like maybe the planning board is not actually abiding by your code and laws to say, hey, this should be a matter in front of us or this should- this can't proceed the way it is. You're missing something here."

Supervisor Walter: "It's not a mechanism to do that."

Dominique Mendez: "So they can just not ask for a special permit when one should be granted by code."

Supervisor Walter: "Whatever the code says, they're allowed to do and their special permit has been given to them already so they're in site plan review so they- "

Dominique Mendez: "The special permit for the catering hall has been given?"

Supervisor Walter: "The special permit for that building and that golf course was put in place and that special permit runs with the land. So whatever- it runs with the land that's the law. And so whatever they were entitled to under that special permit they're still entitled to and the planning board is the one charged with granting the site plan.

Now, you know, we do share- the attorneys are roughly the same, planning attorneys and the town attorneys are going to be in the same office in January so there is influence in that respect.

But they're also- I've asked them also to be put into that environmental impact analysis so this is going to take- "

Dominique Mendez: "And luckily there are covenants that go with that property also that would prohibit this. And that's what we're asking the planning board and the town board to apply any pressure because there are covenants there and zoning issues that should prohibit this."

Supervisor Walter: "We're working on it."

Dominique Mendez: "Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you. Councilman Bartunek, back for a second bite of the apple."

George Bartunek: "I'm going to get my saturation of town board meetings just in one day and then I won't come back for a while if that's okay with you.

George Bartunek, vice president, again, of the North Fork Environmental Council and I was not going to get up and address the board on the issue of Great Rock but after the conversations that have just taken place, I decided that I will.

Maybe you can give me some information that will help clarify the issue of the special permit that runs with the land.

As Dominique will tell you, when we had discussions about the actual letter that was presented to you with the Board of Directors

of the NFEC, there was some discussion of whether this actually should be an issue that the NFEC should address.

Does it meet the threshold of environmental concerns enough, sufficiently for the NFEC to get involved. So some members said, yes, not strongly and some members said no, again not very strongly.

So unfortunately I guess it was left up to me. And I decided to go ahead with this paragraph, it refers to Great Rock because part of the mission statement of the NFEC is if there are some questions about addressing quality of life issues that does come under the purview of the NFEC.

But one of the things that really convinced me to— especially to get up here and make this presentation right now is when the permission was granted in I think it was 1996 or something like that for the creation of the golf course. Correct me if I'm wrong. You had all the documents— I don't have those documents in front of me right now but it shows you the process is— now those were the documents for the zoning, but I had all the documents, left them at home, regarding what happened at Great Rock.

But a section of land was cut out from the subdivision for the creation of a country club— of a golf course. Right. And there were— as you know, there were certain covenants that went along with the creation of that golf course and potential country club. And some of those provisions said— there were a whole list of them as you are aware, that there would be no restaurant, there would be no tavern and there would be no non-golf related catered events at Great Rock.

That's very specific, black and white. What has happened as you are aware, there is a restaurant there. There is a bar, very expensive wine, I'll tell you that."

Supervisor Walter: "You've been there?"

George Bartunek: "I don't know if you would consider that a tavern, I don't know if you would, but there is a bar there and you will have to admit that the operators there have had non-golf related events that have exceeded the time limits of when they were supposed to shut down the music as well as the— "

Supervisor Walter: "I would have to admit that, yes."

George Bartunek: "So the fact of the matter is I mean when you do make considerations of the expansion of the 6,000 square foot catering facility, I mean you have to ask yourself, are these people going to actually comply with the covenants that were enacted some- or adopted some 15 years ago.

It's a consideration that may sway you one way or the other."

Supervisor Walter: "You hit the nail on the head. With the planning board, we- they have to narrowly tailor that approval, if there is any approval, for whatever size there is to that which is provided for in the covenant and it's not going to be to compete against Kenny Barra and having a wedding factory there, because that certainly was not something you could do under the covenant.

So they may be coming in for a 6,000 square foot catering hall extension, they may be going out with a 20 by 40 get rid of your tent and you can expand the building and get rid of your tent. I don't know. We haven't gotten to that point yet. But the lines of communication between planning and this board are wide open at this point."

George Bartunek: "That's very good. I don't think Ken Barra would appreciate you're referring to it as a wedding factory. It's a country inn.

And the last comment that I have. I've probably gone beyond my five minutes here. But- "

Supervisor Walter: "We're having a good time, George."

George Bartunek: "Yeah, right. Maybe I'll come back again some time. But the thing that you've got to consider is- "

Supervisor Walter: "Wait, are you running?"

George Bartunek: "No, no. You can put that in the paper. You can be sure of that.

But the fact of the matter is, I mean if you look at it another way, is the residents have been there first. The residents, as Dominique said, they moved in assuming that it was going to be a very limited golf course and country club.



And I'm sure the planning board is going to look at it this way also. So what's happening here now is you've got the residents that moved in, they were really there first before this 6,000 square foot proposed catering facility."

Supervisor Walter: "You're right."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you, George. Next up."

Eva Salzman: "My name is Eva Salzman, 72 Riverside Drive. Speaking on behalf of Van Howell, also Riverside Drive and probably many other people from there if they knew about various issues happening, being dealt with here.

I'd like to submit this letter. And following on from the previous speakers, I suspect also that anybody who is wanting to find a shopping center at Park Avenue and Sound Avenue probably wouldn't bother to go there if they could go to Route 58, too. So the same issue applies I would have thought.

When I got back to this country after living abroad for many years, I was surprised how beautiful Long Island still is. It has been wonderful to become more closely acquainted with the North Fork - places like Sound Avenue, communities both east and west of Riverhead - since I'd been familiar mostly with the south fork.

And then there were the empty stores lining Main Street."

Supervisor Walter: "Oh, they're going to go away."

Eva Salzman: "I'm excited to see all the various things that are happening, things like the Community Garden and it's wonderful to see all that and be part of it.

But it does still seem to me that very often that the same old battles are still raging both here and on the south fork and it often seems to me that when developers of various kinds just spot a few trees and a vestige of our fast disappearing wilderness their first thought is to hack it down, tarmac it for parking lots, catering halls and shopping centers.

Those that already exist along miles of Route 58 are not enough

apparently or aren't close enough. Never mind Main Street is empty of local business, the revival of which the town is now trying to support. Apparently it's much too far to have to drive a few miles to Route 58 so there must be one closer.

This so called convenience is hardly justification for more development and yet often appears to be the best one that some people come up with.

This has nothing to do with serving the people. My grandparents bought a house out here about 70 years ago. My grandfather built a house out here with his own two hands and painted the landscapes of out here over his entire life. My father grew up coming out here and so did I.

During the years I've lived abroad, I longed for the time to return here and write. It seems sad to see (inaudible) the same old battles. What is the need we seem to have to destroy our own backyard, ruin that which makes it special for people to visit, thus supplying an important part of the economy.

Lots of Europeans have cliches about Americans being ignorant about social issues, about the environment, interested only in the mighty dollar. Well, taxpayers dollars should be as mighty as developers dollars.

The needs of the community shouldn't be trumped by big bucks and I'm not speaking of (inaudible). I know exactly that certain things have to be done and there are certain ways to achieve progress, etc., etc. I thought I'd throw that in.

I'm writing a novel. In this novel, a town board- not you of course, spends thousands of taxpayer money to craft a master plan to protect the land and then ignores their own plan. This is absolutely true. This is something I was writing before I got here and knew anything about this.

Or the developers ignore the plan, do what they like. In this novel, there are shady backroom deals and collusion between politicians and money interests, not decisions on behalf of constituents who are meant to be served.

In my book, corruption rules and those meant to be caretakers of a special place instead end up destroying it. But this is just a

work of fiction of course.

We already have the urban sprawl of Route 58 so that is where shopping centers should be built if they must be built, not in unspoiled areas of the kind drawing visitors here.

Apart from this and most importantly this board needs to listen to the year round residents who are with you, caretakers of Long Island, our home.

Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "I just want to point out that-- did you, that was a very good reading. If the rest of you in the audience when you read something, if you could speak to Ms. Salzman about reading with flair and emphasis. I mean that was fantastic."

Eva Salzman: "I am usually paid to do that."

Supervisor Walter: "It gets boring up here sometimes when we're not getting yelled at by Billy Walsh. You know, I need the flair. That was really fantastic."

The only difference is if these things are going to be built, we'd be following the master plan which may not be a big thing. But I thank you and we will get a copy of that."

Eva Salzman: "One wonders how that gone done in the first place. I understand that you are inheriting. I understand that there are legalistic questions and you are inheriting certain things. But it seems to me that there is a certain amount of common sense. Anybody can live in a certain portion for example along that north-- Sound Avenue corridor and all the areas and you've got Route 58. There's a certain commonsense should prevail and there are ways around it. As I'm sure everyone knows."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you for your time."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "That five minute rule is just out the window. Tommy, you have five minutes, Tommy."

Tommy Losandro: "I didn't write anything down so whatever

comes out (inaudible)."

Supervisor Walter: "Keep it clean."

Tommy Losandro: "On day to day operations, okay, I have a few things that I'd like to discuss with the town board.

First I'd like to thank- "

Supervisor Walter: "Speak into the microphone."

Tommy Losandro: "I'd like to thank the deputy supervisor Jill Lewis and Councilman James Wooten. On Friday, I don't remember the exact time, I was driving on Riley Avenue and Edwards where the 9/11 memorial is and I had noticed that with the rain storm we had had the day before, the sign got blown down.

And I called them to find out you know if it could be fixed before the weekend took place instead of having it lay there over the weekend. And between the two of them it was fixed that day."

Supervisor Walter: "Jill, did you go out there in a skirt and fix that?"

Tommy Losandro: "But something more importantly, yesterday I was on Middle Country Road and there was a highway department truck and it had leaves in the back. And all it had was a canvas over the top. The sides were open and the back was open."

Supervisor Walter: "That's our leaf distribution system."

Tommy Losandro: "Okay. And it made a right hand turn onto- what is that, Doctor's Path- and it crossed over and went onto Main Street. Now I don't know where the highway department would be going over there to be dumping their leaves or just letting them blow all over Main Street."

Supervisor Walter: "How do you think we're getting rid of them?"

Tommy Losandro: "Okay."

Councilman Dunleavy: "They just drive around Riverhead. That's all."

Tommy Losandro: "My thing is that you know what? Instead of residents, you know, getting annoyed because if I didn't know where town hall was, if I didn't know, you know, Jim, because I've called Jim on a lot of things and I've spoken to Jill on a lot of things also, I would get very discouraged in the town of Riverhead. But I know how to take care of some things the right way."

Supervisor Walter: "Well, I think what we were talking about doing was numbering the vehicles. That was your idea, numbering the vehicles."

Tommy Losandro: "I had mentioned this to Jill because I had called her when this happened to me yesterday. Luckily she wasn't at a meeting and she was-- and she took my call. I say that on the back of every vehicle whether it be the highway department, building department or whatever, a sign be put on there, if you see something say something with the phone number, the department or the extension and whoever the department head may be."

Supervisor Walter: "Geo's got his name all over the trucks. Can I get my name of the town vehicles?"

Tommy Losandro: "A name is nothing if there's no phone number or an extension."

Supervisor Walter: "I think we're looking into this. We'll put that, Tara, the department head when-- and we'll ask Geo and the other department heads and Johnny Reeves, see if we can come up with-- maybe we don't have the money, if you see something, say something, but the issue of putting a number on it-- "

Tommy Losandro: "Well if it could work in New York City, okay, to avoid terrorists, it can help here in Riverhead."

Supervisor Walter: "Right. It's a good idea. Thank you, Tommy."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Next."

Joan Vogt: I'll make it brief. Joan Vogt, RNPC, and I'm also a resident of the Great Rock area. I just wanted to say that we moved there 11 years ago. There was no golf course there.

We were told that it was going to be built and that concessions had been made to allow it to be built so that the plots that the homes were being built on were smaller.

We watched it being built. We put up with everything that went on with it. We still have problems. They erected a shed 29" from my property line that is just horrible to look at. We have debris, plates, cups, now there's Christmas decorations up against our fence there constantly.

The well runs all- well, all spring, summer, and fall, constant noise. You can't open your back windows in the summertime. You have to use your air conditioning.

And I would just like to say one other thing. The people who have thought about putting their homes up for sale, nobody has gotten as estimate on a house that's more than \$480,000 yet mine carries an equalized value of \$545,000. I have that from a tax reduction service.

So if that golf course and the catering hall are allowed to go forward, you're not going to be able to sell those homes that back up to that golf course for what they were originally built for which was in the \$200,000 range.

Thank you."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Next."

Steve Romano: "Hi. Steve Romano, Riverhead. As a newbie to the town board meetings, I'm trying to follow the rules and I understand there's a five minute rule but it's not enforced."

Supervisor Walter: "Well, what happens is when we find it interesting and banter goes back and forth- "

Steve Romano: "Okay, I hope I'll have some (inaudible) and you'll let me speak all day."

Supervisor Walter: "I'm sorry, I shouldn't say that."

Steve Romano: "The first thing after hearing Bill Walsh and

he talked about a mandate, well, I was under the impression the newest mandate was lower taxes and I believe four of the current board members, the supervisor and three council persons, unless I'm incorrect, ran on the platform of lower taxes and smarter government.

Well, obviously the first year's budget, we didn't even get lower taxes and I guess I can't hold you responsible, that was a budget you inherited but this year looking I think it's four and a half percent- "

Supervisor Walter: "Four point three."

Steve Romano: "I wonder why we're not at zero. And obviously- "

Supervisor Walter: "It would be irresponsible to try to put it at zero given the financial crisis we're in. It would be irresponsible. I ran on the platform of 4% tax cap. I'll be honest with you, we've got it at 4.36 overall. It was tough enough to eliminate 13- here's the issue.

It's the credit rating that we have to worry about and the bonding agency- we are on the street right now. And the bonding agencies look at several things. They look at the (inaudible) fortitude of the town to raise taxes if they have to; the (inaudible) fortitude of the town to cut staff if they have to, but they also look at things like, well your debt service, everything, but they look at your reserve funds.

In 2010 the town supervisor's budget rated \$4.7 million dollars in reserve and then had \$900,000 of fictitious revenue so it was really 5.5 rated from reserve. We lowered it to 2.6. I put us on a trajectory so that in three years the budget will be balanced and the revenue coming in equals what we spend and, you know, we'll be in a cost of living 2% legitimate.

And the money that comes in from the CDA and everything, we put towards the infrastructure that we sorely- I'll give you a for instance. The roof and the town board doesn't know this, the roof in the police department needed to be replaced five years ago. It is now leaking in the radio room.

If I have a hurricane my- I report as the incident commander, I

think that's what they call me, to that building. That building doesn't have a generator system to back up all of our-- we don't even have generators for our computers, but the point is that we've neglected everything so, Mr. Romano, bear with me, the 4.3 was distasteful to me but we have to put us on the path and not to be downgraded in our credit.

Because in the other scenario, the other thing that you need to-- the people have to understand, the town spent some almost \$23 million dollars that they did not bond in '08 and '09. We are selling in bond anticipation notes-- I can't even go to bond because the audits, Mr. Rothaar just finished the 2008 audit and he's working on the 2009, but the audits weren't done.

I have to sell \$23 million dollars of debt for '08 and '09. That should never happen. I'm sorry, the whole way that Phil ran this, he did this so he wouldn't get rated again and so that's the (inaudible) picture."

Steve Romano: "I understand that and as a reasonable person and somebody that tries to educate myself and follow government, I understand that. But I think a lot of the population doesn't and it leads to the cynicism of politicians. They say one thing but they do something else. I just want to bring that to your attention."

Supervisor Walter: "I accept it."

Steve Romano: "The other part of the platform was smarter government and I've come here and hopefully I'll come a few more times, to try to find the truth. Because you folks say one thing, the papers say other things.

For instance, I have this article that was written by Vinny Vilella, obviously I'm going to take it with a grain of salt that he might be a partisan and that he's the chairman of the Democratic party, but I would like to ask you the questions that he's questioning or he says you folks aren't telling the truth."

Supervisor Walter: "Go ahead."

Steve Romano: "The first things was the \$170,00 in deferred compensation for elected political appointments and department heads were never disclosed or posted salaries. Is that accurate?"



Supervisor Walter: "That's not accurate. It's- back and I spoke actually to Denise Civiletti and I believe that she- this deferred compensation, it started out as an insurance or an annuity, life insurance or an annuity. And it was under Janoski, it was under Villella, it was under Cardinale, and it's always- I don't know when it was instituted, I don't know if it went back as far as Allen Smith.

And what would happen is you could go and get a life insurance policy or an annuity from a certain insurance company and it was kind of silly that everybody was kind of forced to this certain insurance company.

So under Cardinale, the thought was you should be allowed- and I was a proponent to this working the town hall, to put this into deferred comp so you didn't have to go get life insurance or an annuity policy through an insurance agent that you didn't use.

Most of it is contractual. You know, these are bargained for contracts. The department, excuse me, the town board does receive them. The town- the other elected officials do receive them so there's nothing that's been hidden. It's been out there, I'm going to say 20 years, and- "

(Inaudible comment)

Supervisor Walter: "89. So there you have it. It started under Janoski in '89. There's nothing nefarious about it. It's something that- I find it comical when former Supervisor Villella would raise an issue. I don't think he realized that he was doing the same exact thing."

Steve Romano: "Okay, thank you. The second one. And this is in regards to the dispatcher money. Talks about 200,000 not being in the budget which is supposed to be there."

Supervisor Walter: "Yeah, that's silly, too. Here's the thing. Under the- and I'm- you know what- this is perfect because I did not respond to this, so, Steve, if you don't mind me- "

Steve Romano: "No, I don't, as long as you let me keep asking the questions."

Supervisor Walter: "I'm going to let you ask the questions

and I answer- the only thing I don't answer usually is e-mail because I get so many so I return every phone call. I'd be happy to sit down with any resident that wants to look at the numbers.

What had happened last year during the let's get rid of the dispatchers debacle, they assigned a number of \$950,000 for the cost of the dispatchers. That wasn't the real cost of the dispatchers. The cost of the dispatchers was about \$7- \$750,000.

The additional money- the additional \$250,000 was police overtime that somebody put in to try to inflate that number. Now I can tell you and I don't have the statistics in front of me, we are going to appoint so to speak an overtime czar in the police department. I'm not going to announce who it is.

We have been running very well with the overtime and the dispatchers so what we did is we hired seven dispatchers. Could we use more? Yes. We're trying to break that fine line of dispatcher overtime versus hiring another employee.

So we have seven full time dispatchers, it might be eight- seven or eight, I'm sorry. Seven, one's in the hospital, not well. And then the \$250,000 is in the police overtime budget so it is in the police overtime budget which we drastically reduced from \$780,000 I believe or 760, to \$600.

I'll be honest. We ran- I would say I ran because I'm the police commissioner, I ran up a tab of \$24,000 to shut down Costa Rica (phonetic). I ran police officers on the weekends, on the front door and the back door, and I have no regret about that and when and if they try and open someplace else, I will do it again.

So it's very hard- when I cut our overtime, when I know that there's things that I have to do. But the money is in there, it's in the overtime budget for the police department."

Steve Romano: "All right. Before I go to the next two, staying on the dispatchers, I was amazed when the actual discussion came up that the police chief and unless I'm wrong, could not tell the town board at the time how many 911 calls they would receive.

Now I worked with customer service operation, phone operation, we know how many calls we get by the second. So how can you know how many dispatchers you need if you don't even know how many calls

you get? Now, supposedly I heard it bantered around 30,000 calls. Now if my math is correct and you divide that by 34 days, it comes to about 2.5 calls per hour which is awful low and I understand it wouldn't be that way, there would be heavy times. So how do you know- "

Councilman Wooten: "That's inaccurate."

Steve Romano: "-- is there a number?"

Councilman Wooten: "You're looking at 30,000 dispatch calls. There might be 25 phone calls for every one dispatch."

Steve Romano: "Do we know how many calls that come in? And shouldn't we?"

Supervisor Walter: "Yes. I think and if you remind me because I won't remember even if I write it in my book, if you remind me. I think I have those figures someplace but I can get them."

The issue with the dispatchers is there's- you have to run three shifts, you have to have enough- it's not necessarily the number of calls. You have to have at least two to three dispatchers at the heavy times but you have to have enough people to run three shifts."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Seven days a week."

Supervisor Walter: "Seven days a week. And that's why seven- I'm right on the cusp of where and I really should be a little higher. And there's something more exciting, forget about going to Suffolk County dispatch because- "

Steve Romano: "Well, that's already been- "

Supervisor Walter: "I'm looking to combine dispatch services- I shouldn't- I'm looking to do some other combined dispatch services and we're going to greatly reduce the economies of scale and save us some money and stay tuned."

Steve Romano: "Okay. Let me go onto the other couple of points that Mr. Villella raised in the article."

The town board voted four to one against the supervisor's budget but then failed to muster the necessary three votes to make any changes. Is that accurate?"

Supervisor Walter: "Well- it's pretty accurate. The changes- there were- changes were made to the garbage district. We voted five nothing to reduce the garbage costs and we voted- the lighting district so we're not going to do as many LED lights as was in Newsday, you know. We cut some of that out.

So we did unanimously reduce- nobody likes this budget. We're laying people off. I cut \$2.8 million dollars out of this budget at the same time the state increased it 1.6 million. I mean we cut- we're down \$800,000 in spending from 2010 to 2011 even with the 1.6 million.

We did the best we could and the board gave me some additional areas for savings and it may look a little disjointed and we may have been arguing but there's nobody going to call us a bunch of head boppers around here."

Steve Romano: "Well, that's the point about smart government. Honestly, from the resident's standpoint looking in, I watch channel 22 every so often, because it didn't look smart that's for sure, but if in the end everybody's in agreement with the budget, so be it.

And I think there's only two more points he made. A missing \$350,000 in mandated expenses; \$150,000 for step increases and you spoke about the 200,000- "

Supervisor Walter: "Yeah, there in there. That's just silliness."

Steve Romano: "And unnecessary discretionary spending \$70,000 to supervisor's campaign manager."

Supervisor Walter: "Yeah, that's silly, too. I've explained this over and over again but I'll explain it one more time.

When we designed my office, I realized that having the office set up the way it was didn't work. Personnel and managing the day to day- just putting on the board meeting and managing the day to day aspect of personnel could take all my time or all somebody's time. And we would never get anything accomplished. We would never

get the rail done, we would never- I mean, I'm going to give you for an example.

The rail spur is taking an inordinate amount of time for five full time employees if I do my math right. So we took the salaries, Bill Welsh got paid a lot of money, well in excess of \$100,000 and Trina Miles got 55 or 60,000. I combined the two salaries and I divided by two and then I asked two of the most qualified people that I knew, Jill Lewis who is the deputy supervisor, and Tara McLaughlin who is the chief of staff, if they'd come work for that.

Nobody in the office but me takes medical benefits and I pay 25% of them. So we didn't add anything to the supervisor's office. We actually are running more efficiently and Tara McLaughlin, the chief of staff, does the day to day operations. I'd like to say she drives the train and Jill and I are more laying the track where the heck we want the town to go.

It allows us the ability to not worry- I always have to worry about the day to day operations but at least I know that while I'm worrying about what's happening with staff personnel layoffs, finding jobs for these people, that Jill is still the deputy supervisor, still laying the track to say, all right, I- we want to do this. We want our movie theater downtown, we want this, and so that's the function- the way the office functions and it works. I mean it works exceedingly well. And there's been no increase in that."

Steve Romano: "All right. As a simple person with no flair, could you say that your office is actually running below what Mr. Cardinale's office ran?"

Supervisor Walter: "Yes. Absolutely, there is one additional person, he is assigned to my office. So I say yes but I'm going to say this.

Dave Cullen is an additional staff member but he's been assigned to different areas. He's really a town board staff member but he comes out- for whatever reason he's in the town supervisor's budget line.

But he's- there used to be two town board coordinators if you will and then they went to one and now we're back at two. Cullen- Dave Cullen is under my budget but he's really a second town board

coordinator. He's a legislative liaison. It's the same job as the town board coordinator.

So if you look at the women and myself in the office, we're much cheaper and actually when you take out all the medical benefits, it probably pays Dave Cullen's salary. But Dave is an additional person in the office and truth be told you wouldn't have water, you know what our situation- I think you know how badly we ran the water district into the ground. We would never have come out of the water emergency in 2010 the way we did without Mr. Cullen's help.

So, yeah, that is an additional person."

Steve Romano: "And the last point I'd make is I'm as frustrated when I hear unfunded mandates at every level. It's really ridiculous. But I always wonder and this dog thing really just got right under my claw.

What exposure does the town board have- "

Supervisor Walter: "No pun intended."

Steve Romano: "Yeah, no pun unintended. If you don't implement the law. What would the state or what liability exposure do you have if you just ignore it?"

Supervisor Walter: "Oh, I can't answer that. I think we would be in trouble, probably audited. We'd have unnecessary grief from the state and what we did with the dog license law and it really was Jodi's idea to do this.

We were going to do a one year dog license which the fee was \$8.00 was the original state fee and that's basically- we figured out that's the cost of running, getting the license- and doing the computer work, basically breaking even.

You can get a one or a three year rabies shot. We actually raised it one dollar because here's the thing. I didn't realize until Vince Taldone stood at that very podium that we weren't giving basic medical care to the dogs in our shelter.

So we agreed we're not going to raise a lot of money to raise the fee one dollar to give the basic medical care. We have dogs

with worms in our shelter. I don't know how that happens nowadays but we won't in the future.

And Councilwoman Giglio said you could get a one or a three year license-- rabies shot so you should get a one or a three year license. So they went to the-- the attorneys went to the clerk, went the computer guy and said can you do the license either one or three years, residents choice.

So they said yes and we wrote it you can come in for your \$9.00 license or you can come in for your \$27.00 license. And that's just it. It's just easier to get a three year license."

Steve Romano: "Well, here's the crazy point and you guys might have the facts better than I do. But I would say this reminds me of the accessory review apartment board where intentions were well. It was a good plan, but nobody came in and meanwhile we had a board that we were paying at the original time, almost \$20,000. And I think you guys would know better than I do, maybe we've issued 10 accessory review permits."

Supervisor Walter: "Wait, you're preaching to the choir because there's two of us that voted to abolish that."

Steve Romano: "But the dogs remind me of the same point in that probably you'll get a handful of residents who say, yeah, I want to do the legal thing and do it. And by large amounts, okay, because I'm going to guess there's 5,000 dog owners in the town. I wonder how many people you're going to get to get their permit."

Supervisor Walter: "One thousand."

Steve Romano: "You have that many licenses right now?"

Councilman Wooten: "You think this is new legislation?"

Steve Romano: "No. But the point that we're saying is--"

Councilman Wooten: "The state wants us to track it now."

Steve Romano: "The state wants you to track it."

Councilman Wooten: "Otherwise, the law is exactly the same as it's been for 50 years."

Steve Romano: "What's— by the way, what's the penalty if you don't have a dog license?"

Councilman Wooten: "Your youngest son."

Councilwoman Giglio: "We send them the money. We track it and we send them the money."

Steve Romano: "That's why I'm over here and you're there. Thank you."

Councilman Wooten: "There is a dog population fee."

Supervisor Walter: "But that's just a small part. Okay. Yes, sir. Please state your name and—"

Andrew Campanelli: "Yes, I will, if I can get the microphone down. I'm a member of the vertically challenged here."

Okay."

Supervisor Walter: "We're trying to make it interesting for you."

Andrew Campanelli: "Good afternoon. My name is Andrew J. Campanelli, I'm an attorney. My office is at 623 Stewart Avenue, Suite 203, Garden City. I'm here today representing Mr. and Mrs. Rodriguez, Tony and Stacy Rodriguez, specifically with regard to an application currently pending before the board for Michael Stapleton Assoc. for property identified as Suffolk County Tax Map No. 0600-48-1-3.4."

Now, this is my first time appearing before this board but I'm sure some of you know exactly who I am."

Supervisor Walter: "Oh, yes."

Andrew Campanelli: "I started representing individuals who were (inaudible) in litigation with the town of Riverhead six years ago."

I'm about to turn 50 and there hasn't been a day that's past since then that I was not representing somebody who's (inaudible)."



Supervisor Walter: "I'm going to work to change that."

Andrew Campanelli: "I hope so. Well, myself as well because approaching the half century mark has caused me to take a look at myself. I'd like to think I'm a pretty good attorney but I don't think I'm the best I can be."

Supervisor Walter: "You look good for a half a century."

Andrew Campanelli: "Thank you. One of the things I might be able to do better hopefully in the future is to guide my clients better to try to avoid disputes even to the extent of not really guiding them but perhaps reaching out to potential adversaries to avoid disputes with them as well. And I hope to be better in the future at that."

That being said, I'm here today to discuss- I'm here today as a result of certain allegations which I'm not going to mention on the record today. I think each of you probably have received a letter from my office which ironically was delivered while I was in court in Southampton yesterday against the town of Riverhead.

And, again, it has to do with this particular allegation, this particular application. So I'm here to ask a few things of the board.

First, with regard to the application, I'm familiar with the file and specifically a memorandum from Joseph Hall to Richard Hanley who ironically I was questioning under oath yesterday in the courtroom and I really don't perceive of any legitimate basis why this application might not be granted.

And I understand the public hearing is closed and I recognize that. But in light of what has allegedly transpired and I'm not here to rattle Savers. I'm not here to be antagonistic. I'm not here to point fingers at anybody, but to make requests.

Even if they may be driven by the most gracious or good will intentions, to the extent that any agent of the town might be inclined to engage in ex parte communications regarding an application pending before the board, I'm here to ask you, please, please, don't do so.

To the extent that any representative of the town might be

inclined, again, even if the best intentions are involved, to perhaps give out the contact information for the contract purchaser who's under contract to purchase property from my client. To give out their phone number to a real estate broker, perhaps to they can buy property from someone else instead of my client. Please don't do that.

And, again, I am not making any accusations. I have no personal knowledge of what transpired. I'm here hoping to avoid the things that have been going on for the past year. And I have great hope, I have done my homework. I know the background of each one of you. I know a lot more about you than you know about me.

I have great hope for this board. I like the difference I see in this administration over and above the previous one for reasons that I won't even go into.

So you've heard what I have to say. I ask that you treat the application and implore your good sense and your good reason and take a look at the memo from a Mr. Hall because having deposed several town employees under oath over the years, I find them to be good, well reasoned individuals.

I hope that the application is processed consistent with what I've seen from the representatives of the town I've seen thus far.

Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you. Would anyone else like to be heard today? Wow, can I get a motion to adjourn?"

Councilman Dunleavy: "I'd like to make a motion we adjourn the meeting?"

Supervisor Walter: "All in favor?"

Collective resposne: "Aye."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you everyone."

Meeting adjourned: 4:20 p.m.

*Cherie M. McAllister*  
Town Clerk